Lack of funds for management of ports

2880. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to U.Q. 1193 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1993 and state:

(a) whether ports in India lack sufficient funds for better management and development of new ports; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons that weighed with Government for inviting private investment for management of ports and development of new ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Constraint of resources is not the main reason for the involvement of private sector in the Indian ports. Privatisation is being done to make the ports competitive and help boost India's foreign trade.

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के अंतर्गत चलने वाली बसें

2881. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के अंतर्गत चलाई जा रही बसों की कुल संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम और निजी बस मालिकों की बसों की संख्या कितनी-कितनी है ; और

(ग) इन बसों से प्रतिदिन कितने यात्री यात्रा करते हैं और इन बसों से दिल्ली परिवहन निगम को होने वाली मासिक आय का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (ख) 10-3-93 की स्थिति के अनुसार दिल्ली परिवहन निगम द्वारा प्रचालित बसों की कुल संख्या 4431 है जिनमें से 3836 बसें दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की हैं और 595 निजी बसें दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के प्रचालन के अन्तर्गत चल रही हैं ।

(ग) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम प्रतिदिन औसतन 38.02 लाख यात्रियों को ढोता है। अप्रैल, 1992 से फरवरी, 1993 तक मोहवर आय निम्न प्रकार हैं :—

महीना	आय (लाख रु.)
अप्रैल, 92	1654.70
मई, 92	1640.10
जून 92	1591.35
जुलाई, 92	1752.64
अगस्त, 92	1687.17
सितम्बर, 92	1614.23
अक्टूबर, 92	1606.00
नवम्बर, 92	1646.98
दिसम्बर, 92	1479.45
जनवरी, 93	1356.51
फरवरी, 93	1240.45

Improvement and development of National Highways in A. P.

2882. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sanctions approved by the Union Government for improvement and development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh in 1992-93;

(b) the details of the proposals for 1993-94 for development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any sites have been identified on these National Highways in Andhra Pradesh for establishment of "Rest Areas"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Eleven Schemes aggregating to Rs. 314.928 lakhs for improvement and development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh have been approved during 1992-93 upto 12th March, 1993. Out of these, three are for culvers, three for hard shoulders, one for Road Over Bridge, one for land acquisition and three for works of miscellaneous nature.

(b) The details of proposals for 1993-94 will be known only after the Demands for Grants for 1993-94 are voted by Parliament.

(c) and (d) Three sites along National Highways in Andhra Pradesh Pradesh have been identified for setting up of passenger-oriented wayside amenities. Of these, the two located at Palamaner on N.H. No. 4 and Zaheerabad on N.H. No. 9 are under the Government sponsored scheme while the third located at Km. 82 of Hyderabad-Vijaywada Section on N. H. No. 9 is under the private sector sponsored scheme.

Viability of State Roadways Transport Undertakings

2883. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State Roadways Transport Undertakings (SRTUs) operating in the country at present;

(b) how many of these are earning profit;

(c) the cumulative loss of loss making SRTUs;

(d) the reasons for huge losses and the steps taken to make these undertakings economically viable;

(e) whether there is any proposal to privatise SRTUs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are 21 State Road Transport Undertakings registered under the RTC Act.

(b) During the year 1991-92, three SRTCs earned profit.

(c) As on 31-3-1992 the cumulative losses of SRTUs has been Rs. 3339.38 crores.

(d) The main reasons for the losses are:—

1. Uneconomic fare structure due to SRTUs inability to obtain timely revisions based on the rising input cost;
2. Concessions given to various sections of the society such as students, the handicapped persons, freedom fighters; journalists as so on.
3. Operation of late-night, early morning services in the urban areas and to remote villages in the rural areas.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Check posts and Railway crossing in the Country

2884. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study has revealed that there are over 5000 check posts and 41000 railway crossings in the country where vehicles have to stop very frequently for one reason or the other;

(b) whether any study has also revealed that 15 per cent of the total fuel consumed by all types of automobiles is being wasted at these check posts and railway crossings;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to reduce the number of check posts and railway crossings in the country to save petroleum products?